

An objective argument for and against racist
sentiment : What effect has it had on me?

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25. Something personal

Imagine there were no people from Africa as one region on the planet. Or rather, imagine everyone with a little bit of race that was not the same as your own left this our host planet in one migratory movement. If I as one person could leave planet Earth such that every single person on the planet might feel a little more comfortable in their negative sentiment towards me, I would. Unfortunately, I cannot as the present does not allow it. I can move countries, or go back to Africa which as always is an option. The only thing with that is, freedom, rights and ethnicity; each of which are inherently bound within a three way interrelationship, all came about through racist negativity. By racism, I don't mean the modern form of name calling and occasional violent riots in streets, social movements, police harassment, targeted and biased attitudes from every member of society within specific social circles or even just intolerance.

It takes a lot to be anti-racist but perhaps it is simply just an act. In high-school, I learnt the one word every African hates (or should) despite not fully understanding the connotations for the past, future and present of my self, my family and anyone I once knew to be of an ethnic persuasion (that is to say, who had a little colour as opposed to being called 'black' or 'colored' or the N bomb – which is the accursed word). One of my friends asked me as one person, do you mind if I call you that name *(as opposed to my actual name). I replied, being young and ignorant as with us all, "yeah, sure!" and from that point on, something in my life became abnormal to the point where I was desensitised to the effects of racism, intolerant to all things racist except I failed to note something very important. I am not a member of the African community in Scotland. Neither am I a member of any community in Scotland.

What does racism mean to me? War(s) that I wasn't involved in, in which my country of birth had nothing to do with (outside of enslavement post 1600), and I note this as my birth country as opposed to where I live now didn't exist until the 1950s. I went back (some people say, "go back to where you came from etc." which I did once, I was baptised in Zambia despite having a church in Edinburgh. On my return, I was racially abused in the airport in Johannesburg,

something I didn't think much of despite the journey to visit my fathers grave with my family). Then, everywhere I went I saw the effects of racism, poverty, child poverty, homelessness in minors under the age of 10 on a regular basis. Not starvation, but roads with potholes. Buildings that are poorly constructed and not maintained. A lack of toys for kids. Food that would not be eaten or consumed in five star hotels etc. and more than anything, the elitism that I was raised with (and this might sound funny but I will explain as this book continues).

Imagine travelling to a country on holiday, and then the army of that country (ill equipped and ill trained in how not to hold a rocket launcher on a non strategic bridge) corrupt and very much in need of dignity, pride, self respect and a little honour; takes a bribe in order to allow a member of the public passage on the same bridge to watch a dam release water. This is the effect of colonialism. A world in which, despite the struggles for freedom, the same freedom(s) that are taken for granted such as the privilege of a house or flat in a bad area of town surrounded by lots of really good people in a country with a lot more infrastructure in comparison than you could imagine.

This is mostly meaningless, and sorry doesn't fix the problem, whilst it addresses an issue, it doesn't fix the problem (which is why I believe in Global Disarmament in favour of Education and Healthcare). It might not matter, but xenophobia, racism and the burning of an individual are a normal thing to happen in many African states, where that would be an atrocity to the shame of most if not all Western nations of a civilised nature. Money doesn't help either (due to the fact that it would take a lot more than simply a few countries or a few organisations, or a handful of charities and charitable giving from a public to turn the clock back). So, why am I writing this personal statement and why should black lives matter or rather do they in the modern age? i.e. is there a single nation that uses equality (as an ideal) and then enshrines the very same in it's history, its truth and belief structure? In my own eyes there is not one, despite the laws and the changing attitudes. Equality requires all inhabitants of a nation (or rather the planet to be equal) otherwise it doesn't exist.

24. It really does cause war(s)

Name a war from the last one hundred or more years. Now, name a person who has never heard of the first World War. Enshrined in history and immortalised in the reality of modern warfare of which, the first World War, known as the Great War was followed by the Second World War, '*the war to end all wars*'. Had those two wars not happened, what would the world look like?

Now, rather than judging one race, people, nation or society, a simple point will be made. Every nation on the face of the planet has weapons (of which Global Disarmament is the laying down of all weapons and military vehicles etc.), but imagine if there were no weapons on the planet. What would the world look like?

Genocide, which is part of history and at some point became a real issue, was a problem in Rwanda a long time ago, and whilst the memory of those individuals who were basically murdered, or their lives and their children's lives destroyed irrevocably, children grow up and are growing old unawares to this fact. As the Geneva Convention defines how soldiers should act and what effect they have on a general populous, the problem is not with one nation, but with every nation. But if you favour armed struggle, or the products of war such as new and more exciting ways to provide a perfect kill, then I guess listening

to my rant will not help, or bring back the memory of loved ones who have died serving their country.

Time heals all wounds, but there are some wounds that never heal, forgotten in time only to resurface as a result of the same sentiments that caused the wounds in the first place. I repeat, the First World War was followed by the Second World War. Before the First World War, the human race was bellicose and war hungry, land hungry and resource hungry. After the First World War social progression and a route to moving on from the past became Vietnam, the Falklands, Syria, Bosnia, Czech and Slovak independence, Russian incursions on Georgia and various other states, the western Axis powers and their involvement in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria and most notably Korea and America in recent history. When I state that the world is at war, this is because, despite either being neutral or generally not being able to fight, there has never been an end to the atrocity of War. Will there be an end to the murder rate and the killing and what would the Earth's population look like if everyone survived to old age? i.e. what if the world removed the culture of violent behaviour from society, what would a peaceful nation look like and would they have any need to sell guns etc.?

Whilst in the middle ages, the quest for the Holy Grail, which has taken literature by storm in more recent years was an actual crusade to find a piece of God, the truth is, Religion removed God from it's reality. I believe this only because, war is now a holy crusade, therefore again, I renounce Religion and belief structures and choose only to follow my actual belief to death. That belief is that we are all equal, therefore we should all treat one another as equals.

23. It has no place in society

Imagine being disabled. Imagine what it feels like to be ridiculed, publicly or in private for your disability, every single day of your life from the moment you are born. If that is an acceptable ideal in the eyes of anyone, then there really is no equality, of which the reality we each reside in, this strange mythical idea of normality (unreachable) becomes your reality.

Now, as a reasoned and mature individual who has valued all the things society assumes I should, such as other peoples wealth or the environment or the mixed messages of the media, or even marriage, I am left with a simple question. Does this planet, of which I would have called my home, have a place for a personal touch, such as for instance bedside manner, or respect from police officers. Positive discrimination works to a certain extent, but in reality it's favouring one side over another. The only solution is to end the war with society and face reality, life will never be equal. It doesn't even matter, regardless of hard won struggles of the past, because at the end of the day, if no-one cares in the modern age about fixing society, through dialogue then all there is and ever will be is the history, the memory.

I could recite laws that I don't remember for people I don't remember and never knew, but it won't change a racist viewpoint. I could scream ignorance, but it won't stop people being ignorant. I could be ignorant myself, but that's just lack of awareness and stupidity. The harder a person pushes against you, the greater the resistance, the easier it is to see how far you have yet to go, and how far you have already travelled, either in a positive direction or otherwise.

I have always attempted to avoid being racist, but due to the fact that I listened to Hip-hop stories of peoples lives and the effects of racism on their lives (from every race, creed and nation), I suppose the legacy of fighting racism will be the shame we all must live with until death. People, even children, learn from their environment, from other people (their peers), from their parents and from schools etc. but the question is, what is Racism? Simple, it's hate in its basest form. Or Anger, or just a lack of knowledge of someone different.

22. It is the reason bullying is a problem

My attitude is the same as it has always been, only with time, it has been added to through a mixture of psycho-social deviations from what I would have assumed to be the norm. That is to say, I have spent a lifetime searching for love in all the wrong places, I should have spent more time with my family rather than searching for friends or partners or education or jobs. But at the end of the day, life is what it is, what we as individuals and as communities tied to one another, however much we might fight against the chain(s) of religiosity or self worth, make of it.

The stress and dire nature of life in the modern age is and can be categorised by one simple word. Repetitive. Boring. Today, I put myself in the shoes of someone else. And now, after all these years of having adored something I didn't even think about, I now find myself asking, why a story of redemption is so important and yet the world still ignores the same message (and no I'm not talking about religion now). Rather, I'm talking about the lives, loves and miseries of other people because if racism is a social good, a moral and a right to bear arms (a weapon of choice) then I have no right to an existence or any self worth, I have no value and all the things I do value are all the things I don't want. So, do I have a right to end my own life if on a moral level, I understand the nature of my own existence and equally the reasons why this life I have attempted to grasp onto has worth to other people, my kids (potentially) my family (potentially) or even my neighbours?

Maturity, is something that grows over time; and having aged with little grace or class due to the joys of incarceration and the love(s) revolving intoxication and over inebriation, the question has to be asked. When did society, global society move from enslaving mankind and killing free citizens through war (think Rome in the early years of global conquest) to enslaving mankind and killing free citizens (think any games console that commemorates warfare and shows children the horrors of war without war). If wars were fought over the internet, using pixelated guns, as opposed to real guns, then the truth is, Scotland might with the War to end all wars. But that's not how wars are fought at present.

21. It reduces the rights of an individual

Does anyone of colour have any right(s), please note, there is no such thing as a person of colour. Your skin is either light or darker than light. I have never referred to myself as Black (though society would state I am) as my skin is brown. Despite being a member (in all seriousness) of the Black Minority Ethnic grouping, I fear that I actually don't have rights, my kids will struggle with the same struggles their parents, grandparents, and various generations before them fought with, but not in the same way as the modern generation.

So is there any point in learning, educating the mind, the soul or another person? What is a right and where did they spring from? Are there organisations that protect the people who don't have rights (outside of religious organisations who have sheltered the sick, the poor and immigrants alike, creating equality in Gods eyes alone) without bias? I guess it depends on your denomination. I was raised in an Evangelical Church, I frequented a Roman Catholic High School and live in a formerly Christian Kingdom, now multi-cultural in which, a lady on a bus once stated "I blame the Muslim's" which is a far cry from the 80's slogan "I blame the Conservative's" which is a far cry from the 40's slogan ">>>racist thought<<<" etc.

Over time though, as people struggle for more rights, more rights become the norm. But do people of colour who aren't even allowed to voice their political or social, moral or individual opinion have a right to exist with or without rights? Some people would say, it's better to leave than to die. Others would say, it's better to struggle than to die. Most would say it's better to fight than to die. I on the other hand, have decided that perhaps I just wasn't meant to be here, I wasn't meant to have rights or perhaps I am meant to be ridiculed or a laughing stock for all of society to witness the failure of. So I am as mentioned renouncing all religion, all faith, all love for all bar one person of whom, I did not deserve in the first place.

When your racist, it's impossible to disrespect one person alone. You disrespect everyone everywhere who has ever existed and will likely ever exist with any form of race. I guess that's the reason why the world remains unequal. Because, as it grows and matures, society usually changes and increases pace as opposed to slowing down.

20. It halts society

Death of a racist, or a murderer, or a dishonourable or disreputable person is of little consequence to society. So why remember '*great people*' or anyone for that matter who is classed as great? And how do people choose who deserves to be remembered and who doesn't?

When the son of God by Christian orthodoxy, was crucified, he was immortalised because of the life he lived and the lives he touched. But what would have happened if he didn't rise from the dead, found the church or save lives? The world would have continued to sin. Therefore, we still continue to sin. Therefore, if it is human to sin, I guess we are already lost which leads me to a simple point, have you ever prayed for something that isn't peace, hope or love? Is there anything in the world that is peace, hope or love outside of childhood?

Whilst it is easier to assume that society will always remain the same, the nature of human civilisation is such that humanity is something that defines a common genus, in which we are all categorised as the same. We are not all the same and as such, inequality and division has transformed the landscape of a world that should care but has little time to, due to the nature of (and) rapid progression of the very same.

If all men are created equal, and all women all the more so, (though they are usually omitted from an obvious saying) why are the frustrations of so many always the same day after day? Does anyone care? Should they care? Why is abortion an issue but homelessness and starvation a by-product? If I wasn't a member of the BME community, would I still favour anti-racist thoughts and behaviours, favouring respect and love for only myself, or do I think as I do because of the brainwashing factor (i.e. is it actually more responsible and natural to be very prejudiced in all of my actions, thoughts and words – of which this is, again, an obviously rhetorical sentiment).

The difference between being negative and then just simply saying the mother of my kids, when she had kids didn't know who Martin Luther King was, after a while she grew to love the racism her kids faced. It's a sacrifice I regret placing upon her and for that I can only apologise.

19. Mental ill health is a product of racism

Though it might be stated that not all Mental ill health is a product of racism, it might be stated that the relationship between racism in the modern age and mental ill health are intertwined such that a child with African heritage would refuse to travel to Africa to visit their family, due to the fact that they live in the western hemisphere. So, is there any hope for the future of life in Britain or further afield?

The fact I as a person of colour have grown used to racism as a form of torture for others and myself, as well as using it once with effect towards someone of the same race as me is a symptom of a problem. In my own head I live with it and am ashamed, yet in my own mind the wider problem seems to be of a lack of progress (e.g. Moors Law – the law that predicts and dictates the rate of change of technology, through increasing the speed of production whilst reducing the size of processors) is a reality in which, computers are used by everyone, and are increasing in progression faster than the evolution of society throughout all of human history.

Alan Turing, the man who broke the German enigma machine's code was a hero who was ostracised and eventually ended up tragically losing his life. He saved countless millions of lives through his and his teams actions at Bletchley Park. Were it not for him, I might not have arrived in Britain, eventually to become a citizen of a state that is trying to separate from the rest of Britain in what is known as Independence.

Racism doesn't care about class, or culture or society or economy but rather, it's about where you live (in the modern age) as Scottish people can be racist towards English people because of history. English people can be racist towards Scottish people because of Economy (Scottish notes aren't accepted anywhere in England). But, despite the nature of historical invasions and destruction (Isis destroyed the cultural heritage of multiple countries and peoples and desecrated history and religion in the name of religion), death, isolation, loneliness and the unending toll of misery is a non-stop continual feud between children (of which we are all children of one or more parents. My mum wouldn't be proud of me because I know how to swear or scream or be racist. So, why should I be?

18. Isolation and loneliness

It affects different people differently, and as such, some people relish the opportunity to be alone. Others relish the opportunity to surround themselves with really nice people. Others still are alone, whilst surrounded by people (or not so as the case may be). Modern life and living is not all doom and gloom despite this, the *little book of anti-racism/ racism/don't be a racist*.

Isolation doesn't just affect racist people or people of colour. Its a common narrative in many peoples lives, and for various circumstantial reasons, people push other people away, things fall apart and then they go from bad to worse. But, as stated above, doom and gloom free zone, being a usually quite upbeat (at times) and jovial (at other times) person, I would say the most important words that were ever shared to myself by my mother who reiterated the same sentiment that most if not all parents likely do (or should wish for their own kids).

“I just want you to be happy.”

In the end, of all things and the beginning of new things, happiness resides where isolation and solitude, peace and calm reside. Within the self first and within the mind. If you can be happy within yourself, and within your own mind, then that's the most important aspect to life that I fear I might have missed. So be happy, live a long life and dream a positive dream for the future, and for all things.

If you spend a lot of time on your own, be happy and proud of yourself where other people shouldn't have to be. Be self reliant. Be aware of the dangers within yourself and within others. But most of all, remember the environment, and hope the polar ice caps don't completely melt as it won't matter if your isolated and lonely when the sea rises, and the air is stale or the rain becomes acidic. The race of races won't matter if the sun explodes or the moon falls in the sway of gravity. It won't matter if there is a nuclear explosion in Chernobyl, as there is always time to wait for the radiation to settle and then, after a hundred years of waiting, life resumes as normal, depending on what you class as normal.

17. It stops reality (then all there is is racism)

There is no for, only an apology from one person to an entire planet for being a little arrogant and ignorant; on behalf of all people on the planet, I as one person who was raised with manners will apologise to all people on the planet for racism, for Hitler (as no-one else will do it). I will apologise for the bigots, the murderers, the liars, the adulterers, the cheats, and for any law that has ever been made and broken by anyone anywhere and then say I guess it must be my fault; blame no-one else just me.

In the end, I guess, as with the beginning, it takes more to be a leader in hope, faith or belief than I could possibly have assumed or imagined. I don't hate anyone and if anyone hates me, then I am sorry and hope that in time your anger will subside where you cannot forgive. In the same breath, to anyone I have offended, injured or caused pain to, I will equally apologise in the first instance and equally wish you the happiness, peace and hope I haven't been able to witness with my own eyes but that I have heard of somewhere or other.

To all the families who grow up with single parent households, I hope (rather than pray) that life will get better and that there is a reduction in crime, lack of faith and compassion or empathy for other people. I was raised to respect others and if I have failed or if other people have failed, then blame me as one person, and assume that any curse you face is now my own such that you might be able to be a little more than at peace with life.

The religion I once followed mentioned prisoners freed from jail, people learning to walk after infirmity, or people rising from the dead. All things are possible if you believe in something or someone believes in you so believe in something, where I cannot.

16. If your racist to one person, you've defined an entire history of not one person but every person of that race by racism.

As above, I apologise to anyone who is racist, has been racist or has caused offence due to lack of intelligence or ignorance due to the nature of race, class, social background, nationality or any of the things that differentiate one person (male or female) or anything else that makes people look or feel different over time. If through my actions, direct or indirect anyone has been harmed through my own personal lack of maturity in youth, I apologise.

Going forward, I hope things get better and I hope you live to see the future (a dream I once dreamt in school and since Start Trek is a television programme, I guess that's kind of half way to that dream). As with the title to the above section, I as one person fear that being objectively or subjectively racist as a result of behaviour or mannerisms that caused offence. I would rather not be the reason that one person is judged over another, and as a result would rather be the reason people stop judging themselves or one another.

1. I wouldn't be racist to my mum, and only ever played Hip-hop to her once. After that I decided that it might be better not to as I wouldn't have her call me a racist name, it's like calling my whole family sub-human, of which people wouldn't ordinarily consider calling their parents and grandparents and great grandparents and great great great grandparents and so on sub-human. Neither would a responsible parent consider calling their kids, their grandkids, their great grandkids and so on sub-human. So why would I?
2. People have died because they are guilty over slavery or guilty over the poverty and problems associated with race that exist throughout all of society. People change with time. Societies and cultures change with time. Be the reason people change over time, rather than a hate figure. Whether it's in your own head or someone elses.

15. Your only following the rules of someone else's bias

I can't speak about the lack of respect that someone else's bias showcases on the public stage or in private. I can only speak for my realisation that people are people no matter where you go. They have lives, (some) have homes, (some) have cars, (some) have jobs, (some) have families but at one point or another, they all had lives. So what is life?

Life is many things; the actual process of making life is a form of life. The process of giving birth is a form of life. The process of breathing is a form of life. The process of dying is a form of life. Prison sentences are a form of life. A job in a restaurant is a form of life, or an office or at home or wherever people work. To say that you, as one person are alive in this moment is a form of life, whether you believe it or not. Whether you are respected or not. Whether you like your life or not. If you are able to breathe, assisted or not, then your alive in one form or another. So keep breathing, keep your heart beating; do interesting things that excite you and be happy on your own or with people.

Not all people are bad, not all people are good; the thing with being grey is, when you use the grey matter it usually remains a bit sort of, well grey. The varying shades of a colour, whether it is blue or red, grey or green, yellow or purple are just that, the varying shades of that same colour. Does colour matter? Be an amazing artist. Do words matter? Write something inspiring. Do actions matter? Act and save other people.

I can only imagine what it means to be an angry person who won't give up their seat on the bus for a disabled person or an old person (though at times, I still have to be prompted). I can only imagine what it's like to be a comedian (and make fun of everyone). I can only imagine what it's like to be judged for everything, especially in the harshest and most brutal of public broadcasts; and then simply smile and walk off stage. But more importantly I can only imagine what it is like to be happy. So be happy where I cannot be.

14. It's a learnt behaviour

Writing about an idea such as Global Disarmament without any knowledge of a structured plan, such as for instance, a United Nations Headquarters in every single Capital City would be one route to peace. But people would argue that Sovereignty of a nation state is important. What about the single mum who lives in poverty, is she important? What about the child that lives in poverty? Are they important? Why?

Because value for something or someone is a learnt behaviour. Value for family, for friends, for consumption and destruction are all learnt behaviours. There is nothing that isn't a learnt behaviour. So, bias, whether social or racial are learnt behaviours. Imagine travelling to a church filled with very racist people and then sitting down and praying with them. I can't imagine it (though I'm pretty sure I heard it in church). But that's what faith is about, sitting with people and communing with them regardless of their personal political beliefs and negative sentiments. It's called sin. We all do it. Some better than others. But the idea of no one person being perfect is an idea that has been around for millennia.

Utopia as an idea or construct is a tree. Lots of tree's is a forest and a forest is life. We learn this through respect for nature. So respect nature and tree's. Utopia is the evolution of a Rhino or a Lion or a domestic Cat or a Bear etc.

Dystopia is extinction. Dystopia is a mass grave. Dystopia is the end of a life. So only you, the person living your life can tell whether we live in a Dystopia or a Utopia or whether either of these constructs exist in reality or whether they are ideas to work towards. If enlightenment is a process under construction, then process the construction and become enlightened.

13. It lacks class (unless your from the 1600's)

Is racism classist? Is classism elitist? The answer to both of these questions is no. The answer is simple because anyone can be racist, regardless of history or laws. Anyone can be classist or elitist, upward and downward social mobility, both hard to cope with; will not stop a person from living to old age. The choices we make in life are the choices that we choose to make, implied in the language used. The impact of a persons actions through the choices they make have ramifications on every culture as whilst some people are objective in their analysis and critique of lifestyle choices, it's down to the subject of those choices, the person who feels the weight of the choices that has to live with them.

So how do you repair a life, or the damage that a person creates in either your life or someone else's? Counselling? Judicial inquisition? Execution? Or harsh and stern judgement? (internal or otherwise). Whilst no one choice a person makes is always the right one, you have to live with those choices. Therefore be conscious of the decisions you make and use common sense and rational thought, the point is simple. If you make good choices, people are good. If you make bad choices, people are bad. But in your own mind (imagine the mind of a murderer) that person sees themselves as good. They are good, it's the rest of society that is bad. But how do they know they are good and society is bad?

Morals and guidance, direction and hope from people who know better. The voice and character of a nation residing in the thoughts of (for) the individual. Religion is a sacrifice, you give up everything to be a better person. Religion is a service, you serve others to be a better person. When I was approximately 27 I started a mission; I wanted to see if people would care if I was led astray (not my family or my church) but friends, strangers, employees and colleagues. I used to ask people in the street if they believed in Global Disarmament. They do not. I learnt over the years that it is harder to convince someone that change will not happen if people do not genuinely become equal. But equality is an armed force I suppose because all countries have one (good/strong or weak/bad).

12. It highlights the problems society still faces

I tried writing to tobacco companies to ask them to stop selling tobacco, it sounds stupid but that's a stupid truth. Life is funny because, despite having had a cancer scare, I still smoke quite happy in my addiction, safe in the knowledge that I am at present free of Cancer (of which I fear every time I light a cigarette). Death and facing a persons own mortality is something that can drive a person to either change their own and other peoples life circumstances or simply remain miserable.

What actually matters in life? Faith? Money – being the root to all forms of evil (and I state this because, with money you can create infrastructure and then only some people will be helped whilst others will remain the same. And due to the fact that not everyone is able to help everyone, society is limited in its scope. Hence, therein lays the evil in our lives because no matter how much money you have, you can never help everyone). Is it better to save one person or all people? And ultimately the words “What would Jesus do?” of which as a former Christian I have pondered occasionally, is a question that not every religion would follow. But regardless, here is my perspective on this question (and note, not everyone has the same opinion so feel free to refer to your core beliefs in order to answer a similar question;

1. Jesus would save people (so he might be a doctor)
2. Jesus would find people (so he might be a firefighter)
3. Jesus would teach people (so he might be a university lecturer)
4. Jesus would lead people (so he might be a politician)
5. Jesus would counsel people (so he might be a counsellor)
6. Jesus would direct people (so he might be a director)
7. Jesus would guide people (so he might be a tour guide)
8. Jesus would serve people (so he might be employed somewhere)
9. Jesus would pray for people (so he might be an ordinary person)
10. Jesus would reign before all people (so he could be a Noble)

I am not Jesus and that point is pretty clear from my name.

11. Slavery actually happened (doesn't need to be said)

Anyone who has ever been to Zambia will recall a statue which highlights the history of slavery. The statue has a man who is holding a broken chain. The chain is broken on the statue, but for anyone who has been to Zambia, the chain is firmly attached to the people still. We are all slaves to something. Drugs, money, sex, adult material and music, places, routine, even our own children enslave us through their needs and wants. Breaking free from slavery is not something that one person does.

The result of a system which has warped all of society from the 1600's throughout the whole world is the same system that keeps all sides shackled to one another in misery. Nobody calls anyone a slave in modern times, but nobody really apologises daily for slavery. So remembering the words of a former British Politician, I will repeat the same sentiment;

“I am sorry!”

10. I am human

What is a human being? Is it emotions, civility and mannerisms? Is it rights and the enfranchisement of an individual? Is it intelligence and academic achievement? Am I a human being? Are you a human being? Are surrounded by peers or are you alone? Are you surrounded by love or are you alone? Does love exist and can it be rejected and refused? Does anyone have a right to reject love? What is the opposite of love? What is the opposite of human? What is the opposite of life? What is the opposite of good health? What is it like to be normal? What is mental health? What does it mean to be polite? What is a question? What does the word 'the' mean? Does the internet have all the answers? Is it better to sit at the front or the back? When you pray, what does that mean? Can god hear you? Does he care? Do people renounce their faith in similar manners to me? Do people generally tend to renounce their faith? What is the next step? Where is humanity going to be when the next nuclear bomb drops? Where is humanity going to be when enslavement returns? Where is humanity going to be when all immigrants are banished? Where is humanity going to be when all the bee's die? Where is humanity going to be when there is nothing else? What is a Jihad? What is Armageddon? What is a salute? What is pride? What is happiness? What is joy? What is breakfast (a break from fasting, in the morning?)? What is a car? What is a lamppost? What is a bin? What is a rib worth? Where is the Garden of Eden? Did Atlantis exist? Does anyone remember Pompeii? Do civilisations simply disappear? Did the Egyptians die out? Did the Romans Die out? Did the Mongols die out? Did the Mayans die out? Will there ever be a Native American President? Will there ever be an ethnic first minister in Scotland? Will there ever be a Scottish premier in Zambia? Will Homelessness end? Will Global Disarmament ever end as a mission to strive for? Did anyone learn the lessons of the first world war? Have we become the Romans? Is there too many shops or not enough time? Does money mean anything? Can you buy happiness? Is everything meaningless? Is futility a state of mind or a way of life? Is there ever going to be such a thing a cure? Is there a cure for the human syndrome? Does evolution exist? Are you happy?

9. It injures children

Racism, like warfare, damages children. Not just injuring limbs and decapitating soldiers and civilians alike. It damages children who grow up and learn to be very much anti-social creatures, happy to follow the mistakes of the generation before them. When does the cycle end or does history (have to) repeat itself. People fight wars, they fight wars for freedom, for their leaders, for the land or for revenge. Where were you when September the 11th 2001 happened.

I was in bed. I woke up. I went to work in McDonald's awaiting the start of university. I was asked a question that didn't make sense at the time;

"Are you a Muslim?" and my reply was no. This is a simple answer but the complicated answer would be, if I had been raised as a Muslim, would I reject Christianity as I reject Islam?

I remember crying, physically crying in a street for a country I don't know, people who died in the atrocity of a terrorist attack that didn't affect me personally. Where were you when July 7th happened (London)? The difference in this answer is very much a serious point. I don't remember the year. I am going to guess it was 2005 or 2006. I went to London that same year, and I prayed for a whole day underground (on the London underground), I travelled across the whole city and saw no sights. I didn't do anything in fact apart from pray for a whole day as people shuffled onto the underground and then back off the underground. I didn't cry, I prayed. When I tried to do the same in America (travelling to the States with a Zambian passport) I was not allowed into the country (September the 10th 2005 or 2006) and then wasn't allowed into the country for approximately five years. My aim was to pray at Ground Zero. That was when I was a Christian. I stopped caring about war and started trying to end war. I failed.

Does racism matter in the modern age? Causing harm to others, indoctrinating people with hatred and using their fears to force them into a form of anger and ultimately causing problems for people who generally could learn Science (Biology, Physics or Chemistry) with a view to achieving the dream (Space and that unreachable frontier of finality – of which centuries from now, or millennia or maybe millions of years from now, our only star will implode after shedding its mass).

8. It creates more intolerance

Before the age of cartography and navigation of the seas using Global Positioning Satellites, the Earth was Flat. Now we are two dimensional versions of ourselves in a flat earth that hasn't progressed. Common sense dictates that if the earth is flat, yet we are three dimensional (with time as the fourth dimension) then over time as with all the stars in the sky, planets and moon, the earth is that quasi round(ish) three dimensional structure we call a sphere. That sphere being the most perfect of states in an equilibrium is now yours (as it was before and will be again). Enjoy it and save it because it might not be here tomorrow.

7. It's ignorant

Terrorism is also a cry for help, whilst being very much murderous in its remit. Don't be a terrorist or fight any war(s) for anything, bar using words and very clear diction that isn't biased or rude.

6. It's rude

Derogatory terms that refer to a person's nationality or background or sex, or class or anything that differentiates them from you is generally quite rude.

5. Nobody likes racist attitudes

Only the racist enjoy the company of other racists. Only the racist(s) are racist themselves. Only the racist will enjoy a racist attitude. Therefore if you alienate yourself from people, it's either you or it's them. So rather than choose a gun, choose to learn physics, or chemistry or biology. Then try to create something that is special (e.g. Global Disarmament, being the laying down of all weapons of any kind, projectile [guns], fissile [nuclear] or otherwise)

4. It causes division within communities

Segregation is a form of division within an inclusive society or nation. Apartheid was a form of segregation that caused a revolution in thought and action across the globe. The Berlin Wall was a form of Segregation, it caused a division within an inclusive (or exclusive) society. The border wall in Gaza was a form of (is a form of) segregation which is causing a division within an inclusive (or exclusive society). The Great Wall of China was built a very long time ago when people were more barbaric than at present, due to a lack of common language, culture, technology or communication in the form of political or other dialogues. The expensive border wall between America (North) and (South) is a form of segregation.

What is the point in being a '*super power*' if you cannot stop the very same wars on your own soil, that you are able to fight in the Middle East? If Jerusalem is a Capital City, is it possible to help Venezuela disarm their population and create peace throughout the entirety of a landmass that is both connected and apparently free to change the direction of history? Was Che Guevara a soldier first or a doctor? Why was he remembered worldwide and respected in the United Nations (powerless to stop the end of all things for some and the beginning for others)?

3. It's a lack of intelligent use of language

Some people are more intelligent in their use of language than others. They can promote peace or hate.

2. It has no value in societal progression

Who wins if everyone dies in poverty. What if everyone who was poor simply died or was killed (exterminated by lethal injection or gas)?

1. It hurts

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